

Ranking Republican on House Admin Calls House Passage of DISCLOSE Act Legislative Trespassing on Constitutional Rights

WASHINGTON - Today, the Committee on House Administration's Ranking Republican Dan Lungren, R-Calif., issued the following statement on the House passage of the DISCLOSE Act:

□ *"The House passage of the DISCLOSE Act is nothing short of legislative trespassing on the constitutionally protected rights of American citizens. And what's worse is that it's intentional.□ House Democrats have intentionally designed this bill to selectively stifle free speech for their own political gain. □*

"With this legislation, Democrats are attempting to deny First Amendment rights to certain organizations by imposing burdensome, costly restrictions on their ability to speak.□ They're trying to implement exactly what the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against - restrictions on free speech distinguishing among different speakers, allowing speech by some but not others. □

□ *"Ironically named the DISCLOSE Act, this partisan, unpopular legislation is a result of closed-door negotiations that have excluded Republicans charged with election oversight, the various stakeholders silenced by its provisions and, worst of all, American voters.□□*

□ *"Democrats have intentionally and unfairly auctioned off the First Amendment in the name of partisanship, and I strongly urge my colleagues in the Senate to vote against this bill and uphold our obligation to protect the rights granted by the Constitution."*

□ For more information, please contact the Committee press office at (202) 225-8281.

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